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## Building Newsletter 17-7

Approval of Products  
and Testing Agencies

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes  
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This building newsletter outlines the department's policies and requirements regarding the evaluation of construction materials and recognition of testing and quality control agencies.

### I. Use Of Products In Building Construction

- A. The Development Services Department requires that construction materials, products and assemblies used in building construction be tested by approved testing agencies for conformance to standards provided in the Uniform Building Code.
- B. The Department also requires that the products, equipment and assemblies be listed by a recognized/approved quality control (listing) agency.
- C. The following are examples of recognized and approved listing agencies:
  1. International Conference of Building Officials, (ICBO)  
5360 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601-2298  
(310) 699-0543  
FAX: (310) 695-4694
  2. Underwriters Laboratories Inc., (UL)  
1655 Scott Blvd.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050-4169  
(408) 985-2400  
FAX: (408) 296-3256
  3. Warnock Hersey Inc.  
530 Garcia Ave.  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
(510) 432-7344  
FAX: (510) 432-3576

### II. Testing/Listing Services Evaluation Limitations

- A. The City of San Diego Development Services Department will not evaluate and/or approve the following:
  1. Products, equipments and assemblies not listed by a recognized/approved listing agency.
  2. Testing agency/laboratory for work other than work requiring special inspection per UBC Section 1701.
  3. Quality Control Agency.
  4. Fabricators of prefabricated buildings and components. (See Building Newsletter for 'Off-site Fabrication of Building Components' for additional information.
- B. Requests for evaluation of products, equipments and assemblies must be referred to recognized/approved listing agencies. Examples of such agencies are listed above.

### III. Performance Of Work Requiring Structural Tests And Inspections

- A. Work requiring special inspection or structural tests per UBC Section 1701 must be performed by a special inspector and/or testing laboratory/agency certified by the Field Inspection Services Division of the Development Services Department.
- B. For information regarding how to become an approved testing laboratory/agency or a certified special inspector contact the Office of Field Inspection Services.
- C. A list of material testing and inspection service agencies approved by this department is available upon request.
- D. A list of special inspectors certified by this department is available for review in the Office of Field Inspection Services.